High Handedness in Postal and Teicome Circless

3399. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of frauds /theft or mis-appropriation involving amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- and above occurred during the year 1989, 1990 and 1991 separately in each 'Postal and Telecom Circles;

(b) what is the number of cases out of above which have been settled;

(c) what is the number of cases which have not been settled due to (i) the matter being pending in the court or (ii) administrative reasons separately; and

(d) what is the number of cases in which amount involved, has been recovered from departmental officials and outsiders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): *Department of Posts (* a) The following number of cases have been reported:

Year	No. of cases
1989	24
1990	31
1991	38

(b) No case could be settled out of (a) above so far.

(c) The information is as under:—

Year	Pending in court	Pending due to Administrative reasons:
1989	4	20
1990	1	30
1991	—	38

(d) The information is as under:

Year	Amount recovered from	
	Departmental officials	Outsiders
1989	10	4
1990	10	2
1991	15	—

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(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Waiting period for New Telephone Connections

3400. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average waiting period for a new telephone connection in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that a registration of a new telephone is not transferable from one city to another; and

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that due to this many transferable employees especially of Government Departments, Defence services and Banks are deprived of a new telephone for decades as they get transferred before their application matures; and

(d) what new methods Government propose to provide Telephone connections to such employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) It is difficult to define average waiting period since it differs from category to category, place to place etc. However, defining the average waiting period as the ratio of the waiting list on a given date to the rate of provision of new telephone connections in the previous year, it works out to around 4 years on 31.3.91.

(b) to (d) The registeration of a new telephone connection is not transferrable from one city to another as per the existing rules. However, in the case of registration made under non-OYT/SS category by the retired Government Officers, the date of registration at the second or subsequent station shall be the date of registration at the first station.